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SUBJ: POSSIBLE GOM RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION OF BOOKS

1. AS RESULT OF LARGE IMPORTATION, PRIMARILY FROM SPAIN BUT ALSO FROM ARGENTINA, OF ENCYCLOPEDIAS, TRADE BOOKS AND INEXPENSIVE PUBLICATIONS OFTEN SOLD THROUGH SUPER MARKET CHANNELS, GOM HAS RECENTLY BECOME CONCERNED OVER THE IMBALANCE OF BOOK EXPORTS AND IMPORTS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE. SEVERAL IMPORTERS OF US BOOKS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO EMBASSY THAT QUOTAS REPORTEDLY UNDER CONSIDERATION WOULD PREVENT IMPORT GROWTH AND MIGHT EVEN SERIOUSLY REDUCE PRESENT IMPORT LEVELS. (AMONG COMPANIES APPROACHING EMBASSY ARE MCGRAW-HILL AND TIME-LIFE.)

2. GOM HAS BEEN CONSIDERING AN IMPORT LIMIT OF 1500 COPIES OF ANY TITLE, BUT IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ABANDONED THIS PROPOSAL AS IMPRACTICAL. IMPORTERS WOULD REPORTEDLY OBTAIN QUOTAS BASED ON PAST HISTORY. ANOTHER PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW AN INCREASE IN QUOTA FOR COMPANIES THAT EXPORT MEXICAN BOOKS. RESTRICTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION WOULD NOT BE DISCRIMINATORY, WE ARE INFORMED. IMPORTERS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THEIR QUOTAS FOR IMPORTATION FROM ANY COUNTRY.

3. UNDERSECRETARY OF INDUSTRY HAS SET UP A WORKING
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GROUP CONSISTING OF BOOK PUBLISHERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

OF BOOK STORES, THE MEXICAN CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
AND THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY (UNAM) TO COME
UP WITH A PLAN BY THE END OF JANUARY. THE PUBLISHERS
ARE IN FAVOR OF PROTECTION FOR THEIR INDUSTRY AND IMPORT
QUOTAS. THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE OPPOSED TO SUCH
RESTRICTIONS. EMBASSY'S INFORMANTS ARE NOT SURE THAT
RESTRICTIONS WOULD SERIOUSLY HURT US BOOK EXPORTS, BUT
WE WILL FOLLOW SITUATION AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS.
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